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Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Hymn 904

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P Dear fellow-redeemed: Let us come before our Lord with an open and truthful heart and confess all our sins before God with the confident trust that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, He will grant us forgiveness.

P/C Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have often offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy on us according to Your lovingkindness.
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

P On the basis of this, your heartfelt confession of sins, I as called servant of the Word, announce the gracious forgiving love of God to all of you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

C Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

C And on his law he meditates day and night.

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

C And whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

P Not so the wicked!:

- C** They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:
C Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
P For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:
C But the way of the wicked will perish.

<p>LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
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Introduction

1. Questions About the Bible

Congregation reads together:

- ➔ For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21.
- ➔ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

2. Questions on the Apostles' Creed (First Article)

Congregation reads together:

- ➔ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.
- ➔ I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.
(Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Creed)

3. Questions on the Lord's Prayer (Fifth Petition)

Congregation reads together:

- ➔ Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2.
- ➔ Jesus said: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." John 16:23.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 865

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Sermon

Based on James 4:6

*But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

RUN YOUR RACE THROUGH GOD'S GOOD GRACE!

Everything depends on God's grace ...

1. When it comes to your entering the race of faith.
2. When it comes to your winning the heavenly prize.

Hymn 664

Fight the Good Fight

Presentation of the Offering

Special Petitions / Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rite of Confirmation – JESSE WALTER CORNISH

Hymn 689

Let Me Be Thine Forever

COMMUNION LITURGY

Responsive Reading of the Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread:

C And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying,

P "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

C In the same way He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

P "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

C Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Distribution of the Sacrament

CLOSING LITURGY (read responsively)

P O give thanks unto the Lord:
C For His mercy endures forever.
P Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word:
C For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people.
P A light to lighten the Gentiles:
C And the glory of Your people Israel.
All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen!

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Hymn 921

On What Has Now Been Sown

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist, Lisa Sprengeler; Usher: Bob Rankin
Communion Usher: Mike Sprengeler

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (6/6) 9:30 am Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion
Sun (6/13) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Bible Class (Convention Prospectus presentation)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 24-27
Summer Clean-Up Day: Sat, July 17 (8 to noon)
St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniv Service: Sun, Aug 29, 3:00 pm

MEETINGS

Mary/Martha Ladies: Sun. July 11, 10:45 am – Church Council: Sun. July 18, 10:45 am
Quarterly Voters: Sun. July 25, 10:45 am – Elders: Sun. Aug.1, 8:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Patty Rogers, daughter of Georgia Waters. She has been suffering from a painful foot ailment.
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Lawrenceville, GA, who was hospitalized last week. He wrote in an email note last Wednesday: “After my recent monthly circuit trip, I went to the ER for some pain in my legs. Both legs have clots as do both lungs. I have been admitted to the hospital to receive blood thinner and to monitor the situation. Prayers for me and my family are appreciated.”
- The family of retired CLC pastor and long-time CLC vice-president, Elton Hallauer, who was called to his eternal rest on Friday, May 28. His victory service was held at Bethel, Morris MN, on Friday, June 4.

CONVENTION PROSPECTUS PRESENTATION

A powerpoint slide presentation will be shared in two installments after the worship service the next two Sundays (June 13 & 20). It will provide information, in summary form, on items to be considered and acted upon at the upcoming CLC Convention in Eau Claire. Copies of the complete Prospectus may be viewed and printed from this address on the internet: tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21. Note: We are still in need of an additional lay delegate to represent St. Paul at the convention (dates: Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27). If you are able to serve in this way, please inform Pastor. Thank you.

SYNOD NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.
- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire is seeking a member from one of our CLC congregations as an instructor for high school art. Art is a hands-on course which gives students an opportunity to learn the principles of art and apply them in a variety of two- and three- dimensional media. The instructor also would be expected to provide a Christian influence and environment in this class. Art is a senior-level class with 2 sections that meets 5 days a week (45-minute class periods). If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck at dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu. Please provide any relevant education or experience related to the position.

Daily Rest Correction: “The devotion for June 2, Vol 3, Number 2 contains an error. The paragraph reads “Though each person has his or her separate role, they are absolutely one hundred percent in unity.” This sentence should read “Though each person has his separate role, they are absolutely one hundred percent in unity.” Please forgive this editing mistake” (from *Daily Rest* editor, David Pfeiffer).

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MY CONFIRMATION PLEDGE

I pledge this day:

- ❖ To make diligent use of the Bible in private and public worship —
- ❖ To attend the Lord's Supper frequently for the strengthening of my faith in the forgiveness of my sins —
- ❖ To witness for Christ in all I do or say, because He has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light —
- ❖ To seek the company and companionship of my fellow Christians and work with them in the holy task of spreading the Gospel —
- ❖ To pray regularly for myself, for my fellow Christians, and for all mankind —
- ❖ To live every day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow —
- ❖ To lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, and daily repent of the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do —
- ❖ To look forward in faith to my Lord's return, when He shall take me and all believers to Himself in heaven.



*Since God alone is faithful and can keep me
faithful to this pledge, this is my prayer:*

Heavenly Father, I thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing me to the knowledge of Your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling me both with my heart to believe and with my mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, I may continue steadfast and victorious to the Day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness. In Jesus' saving name I pray. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JUNE 7-12

Mon Deuteronomy 5:12-15 We love our heavenly Father, so we do not find His commandments grievous; He loves us enough to provide for our physical rest and spiritual refreshing. The qualifier To keep it holy is of the essence; we keep it holy when we dedicate it to our redeemer God—and we try to do so with prayers, Bible study, worship, and testimony. Our Sunday services are not Jewish Sabbath observances, and for good reason. Stay tuned.

Tues Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is our guide into all truth, leading us to perceive that God did not intend this commandment to be a burden; so whatever makes it a burden is not God-pleasing. Jesus understood the Sabbath law that way, and He practiced it that way, as did David and the priests/clergy in performing their Temple duties. Thank You, dear Savior!

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Q: Who created the Universe, commanding light to shine out of darkness? Who has shone in our hearts, enlightening us to see how splendid God is? A: Trinity God, with Jesus Christ up-front (6). Knowing God via Jesus is such a treasure that we can take all kinds of abuse without collapsing (8-9). So if-and-when this happens to you, it's a reflection of Jesus' suffering and death – all for your benefit (10-12).

Thurs Psalm 126 There are all kinds of captivity (economic, social, spiritual), so we apply God's Word wherever and whenever it fits. In King David's era, God's people were recovering from civil war. In Luther's time, God was doing even greater things, and so it goes throughout the centuries. Hard times are followed by good times; God turns a tough beginning into a happy outcome (5-6). The LORD has done great things for us, whereof we are glad (3).

Fri John 12:34-36 The Bible is universally available, and the Bible has God's answer to every valid question. However, the skeptics had already dismissed Jesus as the Light of the world (ch. 9) and needed to recover from that mistake. So Jesus put their question "on hold" and urged them to take current advantage of His light. Would they come to the Light and escape the darkness of separation from God? [It's a better question than theirs was.]

Sat Acts 27:1-12 Some might consider this to be a Mediterranean cruise, but the ship was not a luxury liner, and Paul was not a workaday sailor but a prisoner manacled with others headed for trial in Rome. Evidently each port-of-call was important to Luke and Paul (2-3). Although weather conditions were threatening, and Jesus (who controls the weather) was giving notice that things were about to get worse, the non-Christians thought they were smart enough to chart their own course. Bottom line: Man proposes; God disposes.